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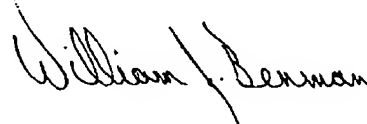
Claims 4, 5, and 17 - 26 are presently pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 4, 5, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Neff (DE 198 31 940). The Examiner also rejected Claims 4, 5 and 17 - 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogata et al. (JP 6-264985) (hereinafter "Ogata") or Mizuno et al. (JP 8-129938) (hereinafter "Mizuno"). The Examiner has allowed Claims 21 - 26.

The allowance of Claims 21 - 26 is gratefully.

Claims 1 - 20 have been canceled or withdrawn. Accordingly, the Application should be in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, prompt passage to issue is respectfully requested.

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